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For: "FILTERING DEVICE WITH ASSOCIATED SEALING DESIGN AND METHOD"

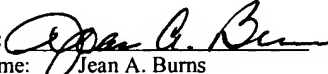
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

In response to the Office Action, Part of Paper No. 6, mailed on August 25, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**Amendments To The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 25 of this paper.